Important Dates to put in the diary

Monday 25th July    Final day for Book Club Orders
Thursday 28th July  Australian Maths Competition
                     Hot Chocolate Day
                     Twilight Soiree - 6.30pm
Monday 1st August   ICAS—English Test
Wednesday 3rd August Literary Lights Evening - 6.00pm—7.00pm
Monday 8th August   Pupil Free Day—No school on this day
Tuesday 9th August  Grade 1/2 Excursion to MCG (1/2O, 1/2S & ½ of 1/2R)
                     Family Life Sessions 5.00pm—8.30pm
Thursday 11th August Preps—Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion
Friday 12th August  Grade 1—6—First Aid for students Program
Tuesday 23rd August Grade 1/2 Excursion to MCG (1/2D, 1/2C & ½ of 1/2R)
Thursday 25th August Book Character Dress Up Day
Thursday 15th September School Production ‘Little Prince’

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday.

Thomas, Prep S    Annabella, 3/4N    Rudy, 1/2O
Jack, 1/2O        Lachlan, 5/6W    Azalia, Prep S
Farouk, 5/6S      Sarah, 3/4H    Ryland, 3/4G
Caden, 5/6M       Charlie, Prep P  Ethan, 3/4M
Will, 1/2O        Arthur, 1/2S  Eva, 3/4S
Elisabeth, 3/4S   Kiowa, 3/4N  Chelsea, 3/4S
Darcy, 1/2S       Luke, 5/6M     Anna, 3/4H
Alex, 3/4S

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Betul, 3/4G        Chloe, 3/4G    Calen, 1/2S
Leo, 1/2S         Mohamed, 3/4N  Ryan, 5/6S
Archie, 3/4H      Simone, 1/2R  Prep L
Weam, 1/2C        Azalia, Prep S  Oscar, 5/6L
Ava, 3/4M         Alyssa, 1/2D  Rudy, 1/2O
Tara, 5/6M        Hudson, Prep P  Levi, 3/4M
Amelie, 1/2R      Elliot, 3/4S  Alex, 5/6L
Poppy, 3/4H       Zack, 3/4G    Ben, 1/2D
Baxter, Prep P    Kobi, 5/6W    Lily, 1/2O
Luke, 5/6M        Lorayne, Prep S Grace, 1/2S
Niko, 1/2C

Yard Duty Supervision
8.45 to 9.00am and 3.30 to 3.45pm
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope you were able to enjoy a few days of ‘family fun’ with your children over the term break – although I must admit there were a few smiles and look of relief when many of the children were being dropped off at school on the Monday morning.

A new craze to hit our streets and homes in the last few weeks has been the ‘Pokemon Go’, a game where you use your mobile phone to catch virtual Pokemon characters that are roaming around in our streets. Like many of these new technology games there are ‘pro’s and ‘cons’ and it is the family choice to whether your child participates in the activity. But it is also an opportunity to remind parents of the school’s policy on mobile phones (student use).

The school recognises that student access to a mobile phone is viewed as important by many of our families. The school also recognises that their use for travel, re-confirming after school arrangements, etc is again viewed as important by many families. Student’s mobile phones can be taken along to school but must not be brought to classes, meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities and should not be seen at non-class times such as recess or lunch breaks. They should be stored in lockers or school bags between 9.00am and 3.30pm and turned off. Mobile phones should only be used by students in cases of genuine need and only outside of normal school hours. Mobile phones are brought to and kept at school entirely at their owner’s risk. The school cannot accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use. As with all privileges there is responsibility and if students do bring mobile phones to school, they must be managed according to this policy and our school expectations or they will have the privilege removed.

And as a footnote to this article, there are NO virtual ‘Pokemon Go’ characters on the NLPS site and attached is a link to an interesting article on Pokemon Go I recently come across which may be of interest - What Parents with young children need to know about Pokémon Go

Cybersafety – Keeping our children safe online is an ongoing task and involves both school and home. To assist parents to keep their child safe online an informative evening presentation has been organised for parents and their children for early term 4. The session will provide invaluable information on what the children are using, how they are interacting, how these programs and apps are being used, what to be aware of and how to find the parental safety software and how to use this software.

The session will be held in early term 4 ( Thursday October 20) but we are advising all interested parents to place this date in their diaries. The school will cover all costs of the evening and we strongly recommend that students attend with parents. Further information on these sessions are included in the newsletter.

Prep Enrolments for 2017 - planning is already underway for next year and we are currently completing our enrolments for the 2017 Prep grades.

If you have a child beginning school next year, please obtain or lodge an enrolment form at the school office at your earliest possible convenience. Enrolment forms are also available on the school website.

It is very important for our planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year. All Prep enrolments from families within our designated neighbourhood area and from siblings need to be submitted to the school by July 31st. After this date, any additional prep placements will be offered to families outside the school’s designated area that wish to enrol at Newport Lakes in 2017.

Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school please inform the office. The earlier the notification the greater you can assist the school in its forward preparation.
**Balls on Roof** We often get requests from students and parents that a child’s ball has gone onto the roof of one of the school buildings and can the ball be retrieved. Once upon a time this was an easy request and someone, possibly a teacher or parent, would simply climb onto the roof and get the ball. Anyone involved in any industry or workplace that is bound by the current Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) regulations would realise that retrieving items from a roof is no longer a simple task. The task of climbing ladders over a certain height can only be undertaken in a safe manner by a qualified person.

The task of climbing onto the school roof only happens now when a suitably qualified person is in attendance at the school. When the opportunity arises, we request they send down all the balls etc. that are on the roof and then they can be returned to the child. Similar to children’s clothing, it is very important that any personal toys, balls, equipment etc. is clearly labeled with the child’s name so that it can be returned to them when found.

**Election BBQ** From all reports, the NLPS Election Sausage Sizzle was definitely a big success at our recent Federal Election Polling Day. Many thanks to the Tapping Family and the many helpers that assisted on the day. Not only was the ‘Sausage Sizzle’ the main attraction for many on the day but a sum of over $3000 was raised for the school on the day. That’s a lot of sausages and cakes!

**Headlice** There has been a number of cases of headlice reported since our return from the recent school holidays. Headlice is a problem that can be kept under control but it needs the co-operation of all parents for it to be successful. It is highly recommended that children’s hair is checked on a weekly basis to see if there are any eggs (or headlice) and if detected they are treated immediately. Bedding, clothing etc. should also be washed to eliminate the continue spread of eggs and lice.

If all parents and guardians were to undertake the checking of the hair, and follow up treatment if required, then we can successful control Headlice at Newport Lakes PS. But if we don’t have full participation in this exercise then we will continue to have these outbreaks.

**Pupil free Day** A pupil free day will be conducted on Monday 8th August for all teachers to attend a Professional Learning day. Staff will be participating in a full day program facilitated by Michael Ymer, a highly recognised Maths Consultant. Michael worked with the staff last year resulting in many new strategies and teaching styles being implemented in classrooms throughout the school. This year Michael will lead and guide the staff in Maths Planning and Rich Assessment tasks.

There will be NO SCHOOL for all children on this day. Childcare is available by contact Quantin Binnah on 9742 5040.

**Soccer Team** – Congratulations to the boys senior soccer team that made it all the way to the Regional Finals conducted last Tuesday at Truganina. The team finished a credible second in the regional finals to a very accomplished Point Cook team. This was the first year that Newport Lakes PS competed in a new interschool sports competition involving the participation of all yr. 5/6 students in a weekly sports game to be played at different schools in the local Hobsons Bay Network.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed the weekly competitive sports program and we look forward to participating in a similar competition in future years. A big thank you to the Terry A for all the organization involved in changing to the new sports district and competition and to all the teachers involved in preparing, training and supervising the weekly sports. A further big thanks to all the parents that were able to come along and watch the children participate in the games - your attendance and support is very much appreciated by us all.
Family Life - The Family Life Program is an ‘Education in Human Sexuality’ program offered to the families of Newport Lakes Primary School. It is conducted after school in the evenings and children attend with their parents. The Family Life program is an optional program, organised by the Parents Association and there is a cost of $20 per family for one session or $25 for two or more sessions. Further information on the Family Life program is available in the newsletter.

Literary Lights Evening I look forward to seeing many of our families visit the school on the evening of Wednesday 3rd August at our Literary Lights Evening. All the students have been busily putting their final touches to their texts and are eagerly looking forward to proudly presenting them to family and friends on this special evening.

Anaphylaxis is a condition where a person has a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when the person is exposed to an allergen such as a food or an insect bite. In the majority of recent cases, the allergy is caused by exposure to nuts (peanuts, cashews etc) but other allergens can include foods such as eggs & milk, insect stings some medicines, different types of animal hair, latex, and some plants.

Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to 2 hours. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always require an emergency response.

Like many other pre-schools, childcare centres and schools, Newport Lakes Primary School has students that suffer from anaphylaxis. The known causes of Anaphylaxis for these children is predominantly nuts,( peanuts, walnuts, pecan, sesame ~ all nuts) but other allergens at our school include Eggs and Dairy.

If your child is in a class with one of the children at risk to an anaphylactic reaction you would have received a letter earlier this week detailing the allergen and how you can assist in making the classroom environment as safe as possible by eliminating the allergen from the room. If you are unsure of this information, or would like to discuss further, please contact your child’s teacher.

We also ask all families to support the school in minimising the exposure of students at risk by not including allergens in your child’s lunch or snack food. This will greatly assist in making the school a much safer place for all our children.

Newport Lakes Childcare Our wonderful childcare co-ordinator Michelle, will be on personal sick leave for the next few weeks. Christina will be replacing Michelle in her absence as the co-ordinator of the program. I have taken the opportunity of sending flowers and our thoughts to Michelle wishing her all the best for a speedy recovery.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal

School Ground Supervision

Parents are reminded that playground supervision (teacher on duty) is provided before school at 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

Students should not be in the school grounds before or after these times unless supervised by their parents or an adult. Students should aim to be at school between 8.45 and 8.55am. This allows them to see their friends, chat or play a short game before school begins at 9.00am.

Students playing in the school ground or on playground equipment after school MUST be supervised by their parents or guardians.

BACKPACK ZIPPER REPAIR SERVICE

If any families have school bags with broken zips and would like them repaired, could you please notify the office. We will organise a day when you can bring your bag into school and be repaired on the same day.
Hobsons Bay Division Soccer Lightning Premiership

Our boys played three highly competitive soccer matches today at the Arndell Park Soccer Fields in Truganina to determine the winner of the Hobsons Bay Division.

In our first match, our boys started off by conceding a goal in the first 15 seconds but showed great character, fighting spirit and good build-up play to beat Queen of Peace 3-1. Two goals from Noah H and one from Ben D helping the team get off to a great start in the tournament.

Our next match didn’t quite go to plan. We ended up losing to a very impressive Lumen Christi Catholic College team. Despite matching them for long periods, particularly in the first half, our opponents were a little too good as the game went on and ended up winning 0-4.

Our final game saw a comfortable 2-0 win against Sacred Heart PS. Jensen M scored from the penalty spot and Noah H scored his third goal of the day to wrap up proceedings.

Congratulations to all the players for qualifying for the event after coming through a difficult ASSDA District last term.

Thanks to the parents who came out to support the team and to David Tapping for acting as a linesman, coach and motivator throughout the day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Reminder

Just a reminder that if you are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, all books need to be logged and entered on www.education.vic.gov.au/prc by Friday 2nd September. No data can be entered after this date. The Co-ordinator (Diana Stefanovic) will verify each entry. Certificates will be issued early Term 4.

If you wish your child’s name to appear on the online Honour roll, please complete the consent form and send it to school before the closing date.

The Little Prince

Now that we are into Term 4, planning is underway for our production. There will be plenty of opportunities for those wanting to help.
We are currently after a class rep for each class to assist with their costumes.
We are also after any parents that love a bit of craft or sewing, to assist with costumes.

If you are able to help with either of these please forward your details to Kylie Halarakis, gkhalas@bigpond.net.au.
 THANK YOU to all the Parents who helped with the Art Show, I greatly appreciate your support. THANK YOU to the Parents Club for their donation which allowed students to have their artwork framed and mounted.

Could families please return to school the plastic portfolios that were sent home at the end of Term Two so they can be sent home at the end of the year with more fabulous artwork

Thanks
Laura

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THE NEWPORT LAKES ARCHIBALD PRIZE

“The Archibald prize is Australia’s most well known art prize awarded for best portrait painting of someone important.”

- Art Gallery of N.S.W

Students can create a portrait of someone important to them, it could be a drawing, a painting, a print or collage. Hand the artwork with and entry form attached to Laura (Art Teacher) by August 31st. There is a first prize and an honourable mention in Prep - Grade 2 and Grade 3 - Grade 6. See Laura in the Art room if you have any questions for an entry form

ENTRY FORM

Students must create a painting or drawing no bigger than 30cm x 30cm of a person that is important to them. Entries must be at the art room by 3:30pm on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31st. The winner will be announced at assembly on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd. An exhibition of shortlisted artworks will run from SEPTEMBER 5th – 9th.

ARTIST NAME: ________________________________________

GRADE: _________________________________________________

SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________

NAME OF SITTER: _______________________________________

TITLE OF WORK: _________________________________________

SIZE: ___________________________________________________

MEDIUM: ________________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF SITTER: _________________________________
When: Wednesday 3rd August
Time: 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Dress code: Pyjamas!

Parents are invited to spend some time in your child/children’s classrooms where, together with your child, you will read their latest writing creations.

The entire student body at NLPS has been working hard on writing and publishing a narrative. We have looked at authors’ craft and a target audience in our studies of picture story books.

We would love it if you could RSVP by email or note by Friday 29th July.
FAMILY LIFE SESSIONS

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What: Family Life Program
When: Tuesday 9 August from 5.00pm
Where: Multi Purpose Hall at NPLPS
Book: via TryBooking at: www.trybooking.com/KTOD

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Family Life Victoria Inc.
Excellence in Sexuality Health Education Since 1926

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

Session 1  Body Basics  Years 1-2
Session 2  Where Did I Come From?  Years 3-4
Session 3  Preparing for Puberty  Years 5-6

Find out more details via www.trybooking.com/KTOD
NEWPORT SCOUT GROUP

Thinking of getting your children into Scouting?

Come and Try Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouts are boys and girls aged 8-10 who like having fun and making friends!
When you join Cubs you’ll be part of the Pack.
You’ll play games, learn new skills, get outdoors and have loads of fun adventures.

Monday 6:30 – 8:00pm
Newport Scout Hall - Market Street, Newport

join.scouts.com.au
1800 SCOUTS

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

A celebration of our Karen community

From within we grow

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30 JULY TO 10 AUGUST
An exhibition of textile artwork, drawings and documentary photographs curated by Anuradha Patel

The Joel Gallery
Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, 5 Sargood Street, Altona

Opening event
Saturday 30 July,
2pm to 4pm

Exhibition dates
Saturday 30 July to
Wednesday 10 August

Exhibition opening hours
Monday to Friday
10am to 4pm
Saturday and Sunday
12pm to 3pm

For more information contact
Hobsons Bay City Council on 9932 2001 or
arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
or the Language Line on 9932 1212
SAT 30TH JULY 4:30-7:30PM
BOWLING LASER TAG & PIZZA
$30 WYNCITY BOWL AND ENTERTAINMENT 36 WALLACE AVENUE,
POINT COOK GRADE 5-YEAR 9
RSVP: SULARI NIELSEN FRIDAY
29TH JULY M: 0430 062 767 OR
nbcxtremeyouth@gmail.com